

Senate Resolution No. 37

Introduced by Senator Liu

Relative to Multiple Sclerosis Awareness Week.

WHEREAS, Multiple sclerosis (MS) is an unpredictable, often disabling disease of the central nervous system, that interrupts the flow of information between the brain and the body and stops people from moving; and

WHEREAS, Symptoms of MS range from numbness and tingling, to blindness and paralysis. The progress, severity, and specific symptoms of MS in any one person cannot yet be predicted, but advances in research and treatment are moving us closer to a world free of MS; and

WHEREAS, Every hour in the United States someone is diagnosed with MS; and

WHEREAS, MS generally strikes young adults between the ages of 20 and 50, attacking people in the prime of their lives, and affecting more than 400,000 people nationwide; and

WHEREAS, The Southern California Chapter of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society reports that within California, approximately 44,000 people live with MS; and

WHEREAS, The Southern California Chapter of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society has been committed to mobilizing people statewide to do something about MS now, and is currently planning several major local fundraisers and educational programs to raise MS awareness, enhance the lives of those with MS, and invest in research toward a cause and a cure, including Walk MS events scheduled in April 2010 in locations throughout Southern California; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, That the Senate of the State of California hereby proclaims March 8 through March 14, 2010, as Multiple Sclerosis Awareness Week, recognizes the importance of a world free of MS, encourages the citizens of the state to help move us closer to a world free of MS, and expresses its appreciation and admiration for the major work done by the Southern California Chapter

of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society to heighten MS awareness;
and be it further

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Senate transmit copies of this
resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.

Senate Resolution No. 37 read and adopted by the Senate March 15,
2010.

Attest: _____
Secretary of the Senate